

Drawing Amendments

Please amend the Drawings as follows:

Please correct Figure 1 using the replacement drawing sheet attached hereto.

Remarks/Arguments

In the second Ex parte Quayle Office Action mailed on 21 October 2005, the Examiner objected to various aspects of the drawings and the specification as amended in June 2005 and objected to claims 1-7, 15, 16, and 20 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(a). The Examiner noted that the claims were clear enough to understand the intended scope but felt clarification would be helpful. All claims (1-20) were deemed otherwise allowable.

Applicants have resubmitted the amendments to the drawings, specification and abstract to overcome the Examiner's concerns as to form of the prior submission. Applicants have also amended various claims to overcome the Examiner's objections thereto. In view of the various amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding objections.

Drawings

The Examiner noted an error in the prior submission of a replacement drawing in that the request that the Examiner consider the submitted replacement drawing did not appear on a new page. The previously submitted replacement drawing is re-submitted herewith and the request to consider it appears on a new page as requested by the Examiner's objection.

Applicants have complied with the Examiner's suggestion and therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Specification

The Examiner noted that the requested amendment to the specification requesting re-writing of the second full paragraph at line 13 of page 7 was not entered because the requested deletion of an extraneous period (".") indicated the requested deletion using single brackets rather than double brackets. The requested amendment is hereby re-submitted and the request to consider the change appears at the start of a new page.

Applicants have complied with the Examiner's suggestion and therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Abstract

The Examiner noted that the earlier request to amend the Abstract was not entered because a "replacement" abstract was not submitted on a separate sheet of paper nor was the request to consider the amended abstract on a separate page as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants have complied with the Examiner's suggestion and therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims

The Examiner raised specific objections to claims 1-7, 15, 16, and 20 due to certain phrases as indefinite under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(a). Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 15, 16, and 20 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and to clarify, without narrowing the claims in accordance with the Examiner's understanding of the scope of the claims.

Applicants have complied with the Examiner's suggestion and therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

None of the amendments to the drawings, specification or claims introduces any new matter. Further, the amendments to the claims do not change the scope of the intended claimed invention as originally claimed but rather grammatically clarify the intended meaning admittedly understood by the Examiner.

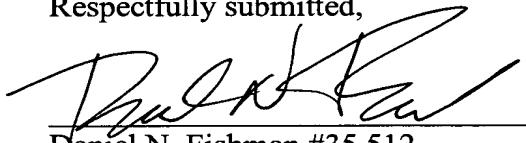
In view of the various amendments and the above discussion, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding objections.

Conclusion

Applicants have amended independent claims 1-3, 15, 16, and 20 to clarify the intended meaning, without narrowing the scope thereof, in accordance with the Examiner's concerns. Applicants have re-submitted earlier amendments to the specification, abstract and drawings to overcome the Examiner's objections the format in which these amendments were earlier submitted. Applicants have addressed each issue raised by the Examiner and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding objections and passage of the application to allowance and issue.

Applicants believe no fees are due in this matter. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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